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PHOTOGRAPHY/ GERALD SILVE Col. Fred Hillyard, left, headquarters commander of Fort Douglas since 1986, relinquishes the post to Col. Stacy E. Reeves.

Fort Douglas gets its 26th commander

I hin Man aiming for Broadway We had a great time doing it." Suisman said. That was Broadway play, which we try not to talk about although squeeze has left the Shuberts with no first-class musical theater, according to Suisman — though the current theater owners looking at the musical-in-progress, it was ions were all interested in giving the young producers a Victor Garber (the star of "Lend Me a Tenor") and Joan among the Broadway community itle roles. With representatives of all three Broadway nervous-making," Suisman says. But, he says, "we seem "Nick and Nora" began quite by accident, Suisman He and Pentecost had worked together "on a terrible have pulled it off." The Shubert, Nederlander and Jujamcyn organiza Gleason (a Tony winner for "Into the Woods") in the The latest step in its development was a reading, with Colo., spoke of renovations made in recent years "It has been a great honor to serve as the post commander for the past three years." Hillyard said. His father began his military career at Fort the fort's higher headquarters, at Fort Carson, at the fort, and of the quality of soldiers assigned to the 96th Army Reserve Command and other ing, Ga., said he plans to return to Utah when he etires from military service three years from now. "Fort Douglas and the Wasatch Mountains president of the Airborne and Special Operations Douglas years ago, and Hillyard, born at Fort Benwill always occupy a special place in my heart. Hillyard's next military assignment is rest Board at Fort Bragg, N.C. units that work there. and around a movie studio," Suisman said. "but I think about their relationship. It was really the appeal of their hours afterwards about how modern Nick and Nora are went off. We went to dinner, we talked for two or three way through we looked at each other and the light bull see the original 'Thin Man,' Suisman said. "About halfspent a year writing a musical of his own. "It was terrishaping a new musical. Then, after working for the doing other things." Suisman's "all-purpose job" on or an idea. At last, fate stepped in. "One night we went to directed "The Coarse Acting Show" off-Broadway: He Broadway company of "Little Johnny Jones," he said own project, but "he was doing other things and I was "I hung up my assisting hat." "Dreamgirls" allowed him to watch Michael Bennett elationship that made us think that they could sing." "Nick and Nora" takes place in 1937 in Hollywood, "ii So Suisman went off on his own. He produced and All the time, however, he and Pentecost were looking Suisman and Pentecost wanted to put together their All of the reserve branches that operate at Fort Douglas were represented at the ceremony, but no The command of Fort Douglas was passed to nander since June 23, 1986, passed command of he historic fort to Col, Stacy E. Reeves. Reeves. in urn, relinquished command of the Readiness Group at Fort Douglas, which was taken over by le 26th commander in the fort's 127-year history double change-of-command Col. Fred J. Hillyard, post headquarters com Fort Douglas' largest role is to serve as the com mand headquarters for the 96th Army Command in Utah, Idaho and Montana

rg, the "Les Miserables" team. If "Miss mum" by Alain Boublil and Claude-

nam and at the Pentagon, as well as commanding a

field artillery battalion in Korea. He holds an **MBA** from the University of Georgia and attended

he National War College

Point in 1962 and has served twice in both Viet-

The new commander graduated from

Col. Dean H. Nichols.

cer for the past year. "I'm proud to be the new

commander of such a fine group of profession-Group after serving as the group's executive offi

Fort Douglas for the past year. "To be given the

opportunity for two consecutive commands is very Speaking to Hillyard and his wife, Ilse, Reeves said. "You have a tremendous reputation for your

exciting. But it is also very humbling," he said

work ethic. We look forward to continuing that." Nichols assumed command of the Readiness

Reeves has commanded the Readiness Group at

mention was made of the congressional mandate to close part of the fort between 1990 and 1995. instead, the three colonels and representatives of

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ly Steve Fidel

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laborator David Shire and is working

ting of "Madame Butterfly" and "Mahe first time, is also translating "Miss Jr., who wrote the lyrics for "Baby" en in March

quel, "Ānnie 2 (Miss Hannigan's

working on "Annie," is also writing the lause," whom Süisman first met when

e, the veteran composer of

g the 30th anniversary revival of "Gyp-

he wrote in 1959, two years after he

for "West Side Story")

ts, who is writing the book and will di-

nembers of the creative team

he delay may be the other commitments

ise the money, then we'll wait."

lafe," which folded immediately